

# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** September 2, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 9/5/11</b>	• City Hall Closed for Labor Day
<b>Tuesday 9/6/11</b>	
<b>Wednesday 9/7/11</b>	• Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 202 • Newton Housing Partnership - Policy and Program Subcommittee, 7:00 p.m., Planning and Development Dept. Conference Room (basement level) • Public Safety and Transportation Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202
<b>Thursday 9/8/11</b>	• WestMetro Home Consortium, 9:00 a.m., Room 202 • Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202

- **Fair Housing Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 a.m. in Room 202. This month's agenda includes: Review and approval of August meeting minutes; Membership status; Discussion on architectural access report implementation (including nature of the action plan recommendations, discussion on priorities for implementation, interaction with Commission on Disability, research needing to support recommendations and other necessary actions, and dissemination and publicity); Brief Presentation on City's proposed application for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Sustainable Communities Grant – Equity criteria; and Other business. **Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617.796.1146 or [rmuollo@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov).**
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7:45 p.m. in Room 202. A detailed agenda can be found at: [www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm). **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Housing Partnership -Policy and Program Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee will meet on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning and Development Department Conference Room – basement level. The agenda includes: Review and approval of August meeting minutes; Review letter drafted by the Program and Policy Zoning subgroup to the Zoning Reform Group; and Identify existing documentation and discuss documents to be produced as the workplan tasks are streamlined. **Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617.796.1146 or [rmuollo@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov).**
- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** The WestMetro HOME Consortium will meet on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 202. The agenda includes: Explanation of the new roles of Newton housing staff regarding the administration of the HOME Consortium; Debrief on the FY09 expenditure deadline and steps going forward in FY12; Review of program management nuts and bolts; Project updates; and Review of FinePoint Associates' quarterly report. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or [tguditz@newtonma.gov](mailto:tguditz@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. The following request will be considered: **1240 Boylston Street**, request to erect vinyl panel fence along front perimeter of property. **Other Business:** Minutes from February, July 2011. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).**

- **Consolidated Annual Performanceand Evaluation Report (CAPER):** The draft FY11 CAPER is available for public comment until **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. The CAPER provides a description of the goals and accomplishments for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the City of Newton's Community Development Block Grant program, the Emergency Shelter Grant program and the WestMetro HOME Consortium HOME Investment Partnerships program. The draft document is located on our website at [www.newtonma.gov/Planning/docs/FY11-CAPER.pdf](http://www.newtonma.gov/Planning/docs/FY11-CAPER.pdf). For more information or to provide a comment, contact Trisha Guditz at **617.796.1156** or [tguditz@newtonma.gov](mailto:tguditz@newtonma.gov).
- **Women's Enterprise Initiative Special Networking After-Hours Event:** Please join us for complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues and make new ones on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Paint Bar, 823 Washington Street, Newtonville. This event is free and open to the public, thanks to the generosity of Boston Private Bank and Trust Company, our Gold Sponsor, and Jill Kerner Schon of The Paint Bar, one of our past business plan forum presenters. We will not be painting at this event... it's about getting to know each other! Due to limited capacity, RSVP is required; to register, please visit <http://www.newtonma.gov/wei>. Contact Amanda Stout at **617-796-1127** or Danielle Bailey at **617-796-1139** or [wei@newtonma.gov](mailto:wei@newtonma.gov).
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville) will discuss an initial report from the **City Historic Buildings Survey** (Public Buildings Dept.), with recommendations for the next phase of work, and the current status & schedule for the **Albemarle Community Commons** (Parks & Recreation Dept.) and **Newton History Museum / Jackson Homestead** projects & proposals.

At this meeting, the CPC will also finalize plans for **Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Newton CPA!** Newton adopted the CPA in November 2001. Among other anniversary activities, the CPC is planning a series of neighborhood "CPA birthday parties," to answer residents' questions about the program and hear their thoughts about both past projects & how future funds should be used.

Watch this report and [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) for details, but the tentative schedule is: November 2011 for **Newton Corner, Nonantum, & Newtonville** (Wards 1 & 2); January 2012 for **West Newton, Auburndale, & Newton Lower Falls** (Wards 3 & 4); March 2012 for **Waban, Newton Upper Falls, & Newton Highlands** (Ward 5); May 2012 for **Newton Centre, Thompsonville, & Chestnut Hill** (Wards 6 & 7); September 2012 for the **South Side, including Oak Hill & Oak Hill Park** (Ward 8).

For more information contact Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager, **617.796.1144** or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).

- **The Station at Riverside:** The Planning Department recently provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Station at Riverside to the Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). Those comments and other project information can be found on the City's website at [www.newtonma.gov/Planning/Riverside/Riverside.htm](http://www.newtonma.gov/Planning/Riverside/Riverside.htm). Additional information about the environmental review can be found on the MEPA website at [www.env.state.ma.us/mepa/mpis.aspx](http://www.env.state.ma.us/mepa/mpis.aspx) under project code EEA 14590. Contact Candace Havens at **617.796.1137** or [chavens@newtonma.gov](mailto:chavens@newtonma.gov).
- **Next Step Living** is offering Newton residents and landlords a **FREE** turnkey approach to assessing your home from top to bottom to identify where energy efficiency improvements can be made. You will then receive a personalized list of recommendations to make energy savings changes in your home along with information about rebates and incentives to help you save on the recommended improvements. Contact Next Step Living to find out about eligibility requirements at **866.867.8729**.
- **Newton Preservation Awards Seeking Nominations:** This year marks the 4<sup>th</sup> year in which the Newton Historical Commission and Historic Newton are presenting **Newton Preservation Awards**. If you know of a project or person deserving recognition for historic preservation, please complete a nomination form, found on the Historic Newton website at <http://www.newtonma.gov/jackson/news/preservation-awards.asp> along with other information. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**.